

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

Fig. 6 is a schematic of an auxiliary card ~~shown in Fig. 5;~~

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 31, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

As explained so far, to hold the communication between the single noncontact information medium 10 and the reader-writer 20, ~~a plurality of auxiliary cards 41~~ a bundle 41a of the auxiliary cards 41 is arranged near the noncontact information medium 10, whereby an accurate communication can be held between the single noncontact information medium 10 and the reader-writer 20. In Fig. 5, the noncontact information medium 10 is arranged on the left end of the bundle 41a. However, an arrangement position of the noncontact information medium 10 is not limited thereto but the noncontact information medium 10 can be arranged on the right end of the bundle 41a. Alternatively, the noncontact information medium 10 can be arranged not on the end of the bundle 41a but in the middle of the bundle 41a so that the noncontact information medium 10 is put between the auxiliary cards 41a. When the number of noncontact information media 10 is smaller than the predetermined number by which the inductance  $L$  of the coil 12 is equal to  $L_c$ , then the auxiliary card or cards 41 can be arranged near the noncontact information medium 10 so that the total number of the noncontact information media 10 and the auxiliary cards 41 is equal to the predetermined number. Even in this case, the inductance  $L$  of the coil 12 of each noncontact information medium 10 is equal to  $L_c$ , whereby an accurate communication can be held between the noncontact information media 10 and the reader-writer 20.